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RELEASE OF AKBAR GANJI

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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche March 16, to MFA Human Rights Policy Officer Sonja van der Meer. The Akbar Ganji case has a high profile within the EU and has been the subject of previous EU statements. Van der Meer expects that, if Ganji is not released on March 17, the EU will issue a statement during its March 20 GAERC. No EU or GONL statement will be released March 17.
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